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DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

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1. I agreed with Walt Elder and Hank Knoche that condolence and retirement letters would be processed to Walt without routing through the Executive Director. If any should not be properly prepared, however, they should be returned to Personnel through the Executive Director.

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2. I talked to [redacted] on several items.

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a. [redacted] expressed considerable concern about the proposed new preface to Sherman Kent's book. He later sent me a memorandum on this subject.

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b. I asked [redacted] and [redacted] why we were furnishing information to [redacted] about the Viet Cong strength. [redacted] explained that this was being done at Dick Helms' request.

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c. I also talked with them about the [redacted] and they assured me that all they were doing was on behalf of the CI Staff.

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3. I talked with Bob Bannerman

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6. Tom Karamessines called. He was concerned because he had been told that I had directed that the focal point for all VIP briefings (ambassadors, generals, etc.) be changed from the FI Staff to Des FitzGerald's immediate office. I assured Tom that this was incorrect. In fact, no one had even discussed it with me. I later got in touch with [redacted] and he explained that this was all a misunderstanding. I have asked [redacted] to furnish me as far in advance as possible a list of VIPs who are going to be in the building for briefings and I will ascertain whether the DCI or DDCI wishes to see them. In case they do, he will furnish a schedule which the VIP will follow while he is in the building together with biographic information and any topics which either the Director or the visiting VIP might wish to raise during their meeting.

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7. I arranged with Bob Bannerman to borrow [redacted] for one or two weeks to make a complete survey of the Executive Registry and to write an SOP. He started immediately.

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8. Matt Baird reported that he thought [redacted] of the Office of Research and Reports was the best qualified man available to attend the Department of Defense Systems Analysis Course. I asked Matt to discuss this with Patrick Parker in the Pentagon and see if this nominee would be acceptable. If so, he should firm up the deal; if not, he should report back to me with further recommendations.

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9. I reviewed with Peer de Silva his proposed instructions for issuance by the Director for the Vietnamese task force. This has now been concurred in by everyone concerned, signed by the Director, and distributed to interested parties.

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10. I asked Emmett Echols to furnish John Clarke a brief status report on implementation of our early retirement legislation. This is in preparation for a briefing of the Rivers Committee next week.

11. I was rather surprised to note that [redacted] was announced as Acting Director of NPIC during the temporary absence of Art Lundahl. Whether or not this is right, the manner in which it was handled seems to me to be very inappropriate and I want to talk with DD/I about it.

12. I talked with Paul Borel about several things.

a. He called me in a state of excitement about space for the de Silva task force. I referred him to Bob Bannerman.

b. Paul also talked with me about additional [redacted] requested by USIA which would require four additional people and some additional expense in addition to salaries. While I was inclined to turn this down, I suggested that DD/I raise it at the morning meeting. The Director's reaction was that this was the kind of thing we should put in our supplemental appropriation request and that we should tell USIA that we will provide the service if we can get the people.

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13. Bob Bannerman and Howard Osborn reported to me on the case [redacted]

14. Bob Bannerman reported that one of our Career Trainees, [redacted]

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15. I talked with Dick Helms about Hank Knoche and made it known to Dick that if he were going to release Hank for any reason I would be interested in having him work with me. While I think Dick didn't resent this, he made it clear that he had no intention of releasing Hank at this time.

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